

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-25, 27, and 28 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 8, 15, and 22 being the independent claims. Based on the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner pass the present patent application to allowance.

Applicants thank the Examiner for removing the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,453,216 to McCabe *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,397,162 to Ton, and U.S. Patent No. 4,626,992 to Greaves *et al.* (See, Office Action at p. 2.)

Reply to the Requirement for Information Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105

In reply to the Requirement for Information Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105, Applicants file herewith a sworn Statement of Facts in Support of the Reply to the Requirement for Information Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 (hereinafter "the Statement of Facts") signed by Mr. Frederic D. Fox, President of Planalytics, Inc. The Statement of Facts provides: (1) information related to the development of the invention for which Mr. Fox has firsthand knowledge, (2) correspondence and/or documents received from his co-inventors in response to the Requirement for Information Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105, and (3) answers, to the best of his knowledge, to the specific questions stated in the Requirement for Information Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105.

Outstanding Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate her consideration of the documents identified in Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) that were timely filed on July 13, 2001, and May 20, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return to Applicants' representatives copies of the Forms PTO-1449 submitted with these IDSs after the Examiner has indicated her consideration of the documents identified therein. Extra copies of these Forms PTO-1449 are attached herewith for convenience.

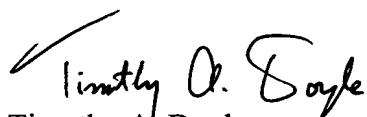
Conclusion

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Requirement for Information Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 and, as such, the present patent application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this patent application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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